

IN THE CLAIMS

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Cancel claims 5, 6, 14 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

NE 16. (Twice Amended) The method according to claim 22, wherein the thickness of the sealing layer is about 200Å to about 450Å.

13/23. (Twice Amended) A longitudinal or perpendicular magnetic recording medium comprising, in this order:

a glass or glass-ceramic substrate comprising Li;

DI a sealing means comprising NiNb directly on the substrate having a thickness of about 450Å or less for substantially preventing migration of Li from the substrate to a magnetic layer of the magnetic recording medium; and

the magnetic layer.

Please add the following new claims:

6/24. The magnetic medium according to claim 21, wherein the substrate comprises about 10.5 to about 32 wt.% lithium oxide (Li<sub>2</sub>O).

DA 12/25. The method of claim 22, wherein the substrate comprises about 10.5 to about 32 wt.% lithium oxide (Li<sub>2</sub>O).